GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CRISIS IN GREY IRON FOUNDRY AT JABALPUR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Grey Iron Foundry, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh is facing crisis for want of work order;

(b) if so, whether any scheme is proposed to strengthen the Grey Iron Foundry, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to manufacture shells of hand grenades in the said foundry;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether income-generating trees are likely to be planted in the vacant land of G.I.F., Jabalpur; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The work load available at Grey Iron Foundry, Jabalpur (GIF) for the year 2002-2003 is not adequate to match the production capacity.

(b) The following steps are being taken to strengthen GIF:-

(i) Acquire additional work load to match the GIF`s production capacity by

(ia) establishing production of more components for vehicles of new generation and ammunition items like Bomb Body 25 lbs, Bomb body 81 mm and Hand Grenade Body

(ib) securing work load from civil indentors through product diversification; and

(ii) Replace old and beyond economical repair plant and machinery, wherever necessary, to cater for new products.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A pilot batch has been developed and clearance for bulk production received.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.